

Environmental Loans E-Bulletin

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Kim Leizinger, the newest DNR Environmental Loans Project Manager, participates in a tour of the Rhinelander Wastewater Treatment Plant with Bernie Robertson, Frank Fuja and Maureen Hubeler

The Environmental Loans E-Bulletin is written by staff in the WI DNR Environmental Loans Section to provide up-to-date information on both the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). These E-Bulletins are sent periodically to alert you to upcoming deadlines, highlight program changes and provide assistance on topics that need clarification.

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SFY 2014 SDWLP Draft Funding List

The draft SFY 2014 SDWLP Funding List is now available on the web at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html#tabx2>

The DNR received 46 SFY 2014 SDWLP applications for projects seeking more than \$48 million in funding by the June 30th deadline. There is \$4.3 million available for principal forgiveness which will extend at least to the top 14 scoring projects.

The Funding List will be finalized when the DNR receives the FFY 13 Capitalization Grant from EPA, anticipated by the end of September. Once the grant is received, the SFY 2014 Funding List will be finalized and funding can be awarded to the projects on the list.

Staff are currently reviewing applications for completeness. Staff will be contacting municipalities asking whether they will continue to seek funding if they are outside of the fundable range of principal forgiveness. In addition, staff will be confirming estimated bidding dates so we can adjust workloads amongst DNR project managers, as necessary. Remember that SFY 2014 SDWLP loans must be closed by June 30, 2014.

Since we did not receive sufficient applications to use all of the SDWLP funding available for loan awards, applications seeking loan-only funding will continue to be accepted by the DNR until March 31, 2014. All applications requesting funding must have a valid SFY 2014 ITA.

Note: No SFY 2013 CWFP Hardship applications were received by the June 30, 2013 deadline.

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ENVIRONMENTAL LOANS PROGRAM**



SDWLP Intended Use Plan available for public comment until August 19th

Each year, the DNR is required by EPA to publish an **Intended Use Plan** (IUP) identifying the uses of funds available for both the state Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water revolving loan programs. They describe how those funds support the goals of the federal Acts and include the allocation methodology for principal forgiveness funds.

The IUP is part of Wisconsin's capitalization grant application package for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 funds. After EPA awards Wisconsin's capitalization grants, we use the grants and state matching funds, as well as other money available in the state revolving funds, to provide financial assistance for clean water and drinking water projects and fund programmatic drinking water set-asides during SFY 2014.

The DNR EL Section sent out a separate notice that the CWFP IUP was available for comment in June and the comment period for that has ended. The 30 day public comment period for the SDWLP has now begun and comments are due by August 19, 2013. Please send comments to Becky Scott, Environmental Loans Federal Liaison at rebecca.scott@wi.gov.

The FFY 2013 IUPs and prior IUPs can be found on our website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html#tabx2>

New Environmental Loans Project Manager

Please welcome Kim Leizinger as the newest Environmental Loans project manager. Kim replaces Dave Calhoon, who took a new position at the DNR in the Grants Section. She will serve as the Small Loans specialist as well as project manager.

Kim previously worked for the Department of Workforce Development (Unemployment Insurance) and UW-Extension (Environmental Resources Center). She has a Soil Science and Water Resources degree with a minor in Chemistry. In her free time, Kim enjoys spending time with friends, gardening, baking, bicycling, backpacking/hiking and trail running.

Upcoming Deadlines!!

September 30, 2013:

Deadline for SFY '14 CWFP Principal Forgiveness Applications

December 31, 2013:

Deadline for CWFP and SDWLP Intent to Apply (ITA) forms and Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms (PERF)

June 30, 2014:

Deadline for SFY '15 SDWLP applications
Deadline for SFY '15 CWFP Hardship applications

Come See Us!

We'll have informational tables at the upcoming Municipal Clerk's Conference in Milwaukee in August as well as the WWA Conference in Wisconsin Dells in September.

Rule Revision Process moving forward

The Natural Resources Board approved the Scope Statements for both chs. NR 162 (Clean Water Fund Program) and NR 166 (Safe Drinking Water Loan Program).

We will provide more information on this process and on opportunities for input into this process as we move forward. The rule revision process as established by Governor Walker in Executive Order # 50 includes an Economic Impact Analysis as well as other procedures that must be followed before rule revisions can be submitted to the Governor and Legislature. We anticipate final rule changes will be ready for legislative review during their 2015 legislative session.

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